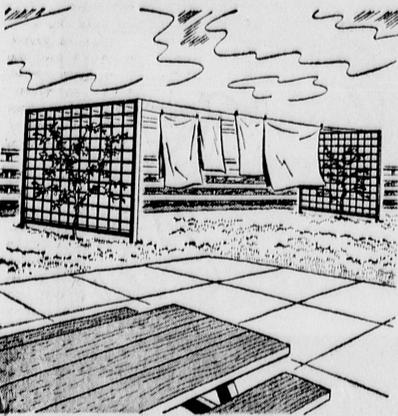


THE TORRANCE HERALD HOME AND GARDEN



DRESSING UP THE CLOTHESLINES

Monday's billowing wash needn't rob you of the use of your patio. You can screen off the clothesline with a simple yet attractive lattice fence at each end of the lines. This lattice screen can be built of western red cedar to match the yard fence. Climbing roses or other vines along the screens will make them even more effective so the hostess doesn't have to feel uncomfortable about a wash in full view. Inexpensive, these screens can be made decorative enough to add charm and interest to the landscaping.

Exterior Appearance Has Big Bearing on Home Sale

Exterior appearance and landscaping are of major importance to Southland home buyers, reports the statistical division of the Southern California Planning Institute. After this satisfied "first look" the Institute reports the average buyer proceeds to further check details of construction and materials. Southland buyers, among the most quality conscious in the nation, are inspecting thoroughly every detail of the home they plan to build or buy. Quality has become the key word in real estate sales. Prime reason for the buyer attitude is that most manufacturers of building materials have been taking the stories of their products direct to the public. This, says the In-

stitute, results in a home buyer with a good basic education in what to look for in construction and what to expect for his building dollar. First impressions of a home's exterior must connote quality — must combine the appearance of durability and lasting style beauty, the survey continues. In Southern California the most popular exterior is stucco. Its many colors, textures and varieties of surface finish record the highest customer acceptance. The adaptable exterior material — concrete stucco — contains the same ingredients and has all the characteristics of concrete used in permanent dams, bridges and other engineering structures.

Asters, Zinnias Held in High Regard as Summertime Flowers

As excellent a pair of cut flowers as you can get—this is the opinion of many in reference to asters and zinnias, summertime garden and cut flowers.

The Aster wears dark green leathery leaves and blue, pink or white daisy-like flowers. Very hardy in all areas of the state, it will bloom from July to September. It's outstanding in sun and makes an excellent cut flower. Grow it from seed or seedlings and plant it in the garden borders or for cutting and arrangements in your scyrenmen277 ETA ETAO ETA O house, says the California Association of Nurserymen. An excellent color companion to the Aster is the Zinnia, a summer annual of extreme hardiness. Available in every color but blue it has been hybridized to give it a great variety of forms — dwarf, pom-pom, sun and makes an excellent cut flower. Grow it from seed or seedlings and plant it in the garden borders or for cutting and arrangements in your scyrenmen277 ETA ETAO ETA O house, says the California Association of Nurserymen.



ASTER

Asters Top Choice for Cut Flowers

Asters are one of the top commercial field-grown cut flowers. Year after year huge acreages are planted into this popular flower to care for the needs and desires of the consuming public. This California Bedding Plant Advisory Board feels that the perfect blooms are grown by the commercial grower can be duplicated in the home garden with a little care to some of the finer points of cultivation. While asters are used for home garden use and with good result, growing asters for top quality cut flowers requires a little extra effort. Early asters will be the least bothered with insect pests; the sooner planted the less worry. Primarily aster are subject to many soil-borne diseases that are best combated by soil fumigation or by the line of least resistance which is moving to a new plot of soil each year. Asters require full sun, a good drainage. Also the soil should be fertile and loose with a full measure of well rotted manure. Asters require cut roots for best results so a cover of straw, steer manure, peat moss or shavings should be put on as a top dressing to the soil as the plants begin to show flower buds.

FRUIT TREES CAN MAKE COLORFUL OUTDOOR PICTURE

Paint yourself an outdoor picture—bright oranges, reds, pinks, browns and purples intermingled with several shades of green and all splashed in gay symmetry against a fence or wall in your garden and patio. And how is this accomplished? Not with flowers, or vines, or even a paint brush, as you may think, . . . but by planting your dwarf and standard fruit trees, both evergreen and deciduous, against fences and walls in your grounds. Thus the fruit trees serve two purposes—fruit for eating and lovely colors and patterns for "seeing." Several kinds of deciduous and evergreen fruit trees can be obtained now in containers trained to grow against walls and fences. Apples, pears, plums, peaches, figs, apricots, nectarines, oranges, grapefruit, nandinas, tangerines, lemons and limes all grow well against a wall or fence either in dwarf or standard size. Try training them flat against a wall in a "U" form or variations of the U, reaching out in single or two-arm patterns and in pyramid forms so that they do not come out more than 12 inches from the wall. Or these fruit trees can be grown against fences and wire trellises.

Free Park Movies
Movies—free for children—will be shown Saturday at local parks, sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Department. The schedule is as follows: 10 a.m.—McMaster Park. 1:30 p.m.—El Retiro Park. 3 p.m.—Walteria Park.

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GARDENER'S CHECKLIST

1. Practically all flowering bedding plants can be set in now. In addition to the popular types, such as snaps, pansies and petunias, try some of the less commonly planted varieties.
2. If your lawn has not been fertilized this Spring, it needs it. A well-fertilized lawn minimizes lawn web worm injury.
3. Don't cut your lawn lower than 1½ inches. Short mowing frequently causes lawns to turn brown due to sunburning.
4. Watch for lawn moth damage. Control them by the use of chlordane or dieltrin.
5. Are your pear or apple trees black on the tips of the branches? If so, your trees have bacterial fire blight. Your nurseryman will tell you how to combat this.

Dwarf Dahlias Offer Many Features to Home Garden

Dahlias, as a flower grown from a tuber, have been used in the home garden for many years. The seedling variety, obtainable in any nursery as a bedding plant, has most of the advantages of the tuberous varieties, except size.

The dwarf variety seldom exceeds a height of two feet, with blooms of approximately three inches in diameter. Because of their lower growing habits, they make a fine frontal plant for the taller growing and larger blossom exhibition plants.

Many interesting garden plots can be planted, using mass effects of this long blooming plant. The color range is varied, being of salmon, apricot, orange, scarlet, crimson, lavender, yellow, and purple, plus some bi-color and striped blooms. Today's varieties are bright in color and the blooms unlike those of the past are practically all double.

The Dwarf Dahlia with its two foot height and colorful blooms, which are at least one and one half feet from the ground, will be set off to its advantage if Phlox or Verbena are planted as an eye-catcher in the foreground, with Ageratum or Alyssum as a border. For a less formal effect, try placing these plants among the lower growing perennials so that the Dahlia blooms appear along with your Carnation, Gaillardia, and other one and one half to two foot tall plants.

Dahlias are very sturdy and require only a minimum of garden care. In most garden uses, these plants should be spaced from eight to twelve inches apart. Do not pass up the flower arrangement opportunities offered by the long stemmed blooms of this plant. With from one to three dozen plants in a garden, obtained in mixed colors, blooms can be kept to match any color scheme desired.

Asters are gross feeders, especially as they near the blooming period. A high phosphate and potassium fertilizer that is low in nitrates would be recommended. Feeding should be done at weekly intervals if liquid feeding is used and cultivation should be held to a minimum as asters are light rooted and will tend to topple if the roots are too deeply disturbed. On some varieties disbudding will be required to size up the blooms. Also a regular spray program should be maintained to keep the insect population under rigid control.

All varieties of aster will respond to the above treatment, but certain varieties such as King of the Market and American Beauty and Chinese Rainbow aster are particularly suited for cut flower usage. In flower bed or for cutting purposes, asters are temperamental and do require special care to give good results.

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DAHLIA

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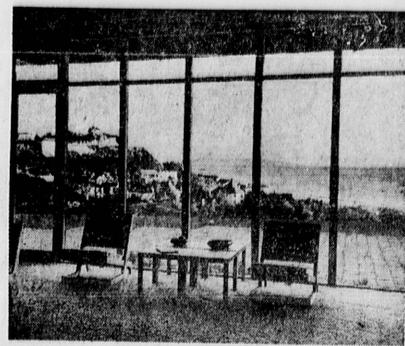
Fight it as you may, the time comes in the life of every garden and yard when the new must replace the old. Gardeners become attached to certain shrubs and hate to part with them. . . . one hates to discard a comfortable but shabby jacket or pair of shoes. But the day arrives when even the gardener must admit for the sake of his garden's looks certain shrubs must go!

Among those to consider for replacement to "spruce up" your garden are some of the more unusual shrubs . . . the Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow shrub (Brunfelsia) whose flowers change color each day . . . from violet, to lavender to white . . . hence the name. The Carnation-Flowered Pomegranate (Punica granatum nana) blooms in brilliant scarlet followed by red fruit. A dwarf form, it reaches three to four feet and does well throughout the entire state.

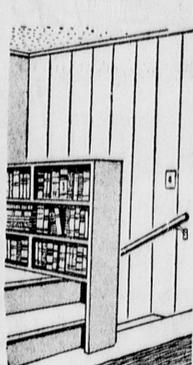
If its foundation plantings you need to replace, try the Pink India Hawthorn (Raphiolepis indica rosea) that grows with pink flowers with blue-black fruit. One of the ten most useful shrubs of the West, says the California Association of Nurserymen, is the Heavenly Bamboo (Nandina domestica) which grows slowly to eight feet, but by pruning can be held to three. Its young foliage is tinged pink and reddish, turning green, eventually purple and bronzyish, then fiery crimson in winter. Flowers of creamy-white or pink and shiny red berries—if you have both sexes—add further color interest. The Heavenly Bamboo is outstanding for restricted areas because of its upright growth. It can be effectively used in tropical and oriental-type planting situations, too.



CARNATION



KEEP HEAT OUT . . . Heat absorbing plate glass used in a window wall of this attractive home provides a clear undistorted view of the outdoors and helps keep the home cooler by absorbing more than half of the sun's radiant heat.



Bookcase Banister

One of the cleverest ways to put your banister to work is to turn it into a bookcase.

This one forms an interesting and useful divider wall. Built of western red cedar, it matches the lovely autumn-toned walls of the stairwell. It provides added book shelves for a growing library which is handy to the downstairs playroom. Your stairwell need no longer be a hazard when tiny children are around.

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